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INVENTION: "CANNED FILLED PET FOOD"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above identified patent application. Applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the calculation of the filing fees.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please add, after the title, at line 3, the following ~~This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/256,622 which was filed on February 23, 1999 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/230,622 which was filed on June 14, 1999, the disclosure of which is considered as being part of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.~~

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 3-5 and 7-8 as follows:

3. (Amended) [A] The canned pet food product according to Claim 1 [or claim 2]  
in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.

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